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A copy is enclosed of each document listed on Form PTO/SB/08, except for US patent 6,054,013 and EP patent publication 0838843. Both of these documents were submitted in the IDS filed on 10/15/01. The US patent is repeated in the present Form PTO/SB/08 in order to expand on the list of relevant figures and text. The EP patent publication is repeated merely to state that its description and drawings are the same as US patent 6,054,013, hence the relevant portions are the same.

The PCT search report listed on Form PTO/SB/08 was produced in the PCT application filed based on the present US application. No copy is submitted of the EP patent publication 0814495 cited in the PCT search report because it has the same description and drawings as US patent 5,891,350, which was submitted in the IDS filed on 10/15/01.

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